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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
JAMES RUSSO,	X :	07 Civ. 5469 (WHP)
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Plaintiff,		ANSWER OF DEFENDANT MP 222
		LLC TO CROSSCLAIM OF
- against -		DEFENDANT UNITED STATES
	:	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
MP 222 LLC, 222 EAST 95TH STREET		
OWNERS CORP., COMMISSIONER OF SOCIA	L:	
SERVICES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,		
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF		
TAXATION AND FINANCE, MERRILL LYNC	H	
CREDIT CORPORATION and INTERNAL	•	
REVENUE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATE	S	
OF AMERICA.	*	Defendant Demands Trial by Jury
Defendants.	*	
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Defendant MP 222 LLC ("MP 222") answers the crossclaim of defendant United States Internal Revenue Service as follows:

Admits that, as a contract vendee, MP 222 has an equitable interest in the
Apartments, and otherwise lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of the crossclaim.

WHEREFORE, defendant MP 222 LLC demands judgment as follows:

- A. Any judgment or declaratory judgment that that the Court may enter shall <u>not</u> require MP 222 to purchase the Units, as the seller of such Units is presently in default of the Contract.
- B. An award of the costs and disbursements of this action, including MP 222's reasonable legal fees and expenses; and
- C. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

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Dated: New York, NY August 8, 2007

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